

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Beard Community Room of the Lincoln Parish Library, Ruston, Louisiana. Present were: Theresa Wyatt, District One; Hazel Hunter, District Two; Richard I. Durrett, District Three; T.J. Cranford, District Four; Logan Hunt, District Five; Glenn Scriber, District Six; Matt Pullin, District Seven; Milton Melton, District Ten; and Sharyon Mayfield, District Eleven.

ABSENT: Skip Russell, District Eight; Joe Henderson, District Nine; and Annette Straughter, District Twelve

President Durrett called the meeting to order. TJ Cranford delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Theresa Wyatt offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Melton, and Mayfield

ABSENT: Russell, Henderson, and Straughter

President Durrett called for public comments on agenda items. Mayor Bill Sanderson was present to request that the police jury extend their current ambulance agreement with the City of Ruston for one year to provide the Ambulance Committee more time to find the best solution for the residents of the parish. Bill Smith asked about the dispatch process and who would get first preference if multiple calls came in.

Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Hazel Hunter, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Melton, and Mayfield

ABSENT: Russell, Henderson, and Straughter

Logan Hunt stated that the Public Works Committee met at 6:30 pm this day and the Committee recommends:

1. Approving the final plat for The Reserve at Moore's Dairy, Phase I.
2. Adopting a resolution requesting DOTD perform reconstruction and improvements to Highway 818.
3. Providing assistance to the Town of Dubach for ditch digging on Graham street.

Logan Hunt offered his report the form of a motion, which was seconded by Matt Pullin and carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Melton, and Mayfield

ABSENT: Russell, Henderson, and Straughter

Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Theresa Wyatt, to adopt a resolution requesting DOTD perform reconstruction and improvements to Highway 818.

Resolution 22-24

WHEREAS, traffic along LA Hwy 818 between US Hwy 80 and LA Hwy 150 between the cities of Ruston and Grambling has increased significantly in recent years due to the

enrollment at Louisiana Tech and Grambling State University, the increased population in the City of Ruston and Grambling area, and the creation of the Tarbutton Road Interchange; and

WHEREAS, a number of accidents have occurred in recent years along this section of roadway; and

WHEREAS, the roadway surface and underlying base of LA Hwy 818 has deteriorated to the point where regular maintenance is required to repair potholes and road defects; and

WHEREAS, the roadway edges have deteriorated to the point where drivers must travel in the opposing traffic lane to avoid road defects; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development already has plans to realign and reconstruct this portion of LA Hwy 818; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury recognizes the temporary repairs made by DOTD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury convened in regular session this 12th of July, 2022, that it does hereby and herewith urge and request that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Local Legislative Delegation do everything in their power to advance the scheduling of the LA Hwy 818 reconstruction with geometric improvements project (#831-12-0008) to be completed in the earliest possible time frame.

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Melton, and Mayfield

ABSENT: Russell, Henderson, and Straughter

Hazel Hunter offered a motion, seconded by Theresa Wyatt, to appoint Mrs. Deborah Gilliam to the Library Board of Control for a five-year term.

Resolution No. 22-25

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
12th day of July, 2022 that
Mrs. Deborah Gilliam
Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,
For the term of July 12, 2022 – July 12, 2027
Signed and Sealed this 12th day of July, 2022
LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

/s/ Doug Postel

/s/ Richard I. Durrett

Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Melton, and Mayfield

ABSENT: Russell, Henderson, and Straughter

Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Theresa Wyatt, to appoint Mr. Eric McCulloch to the Library Board of Control for a five-year term.

Resolution No. 22-26

BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of Lincoln Parish,
Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this
12th day of July, 2022 that
Mr. Eric McCullough
Is hereby and herewith appointed, COMMISSIONER
Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control
Lincoln Parish, Louisiana,
For the term of July 12, 2022 – July 12, 2027
Signed and Sealed this 12th day of July, 2022
LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY

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/s/ Doug Postel
Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Melton, and Mayfield

ABSENT: Russell, Henderson, and Straughter

The next item on the agenda was to revoke Ordinance No. 460-22-(0) regarding the local Hospital Enhanced Medicaid Reimbursement Program. Administrator Doug Postel stated that this ordinance was adopted at the June 14, 2022 meeting and would have gone into effect when Governor Edwards passed the bill. However, the bill was vetoed and the Jury has no grounds to collect the tax, therefore this ordinance must be revoked. TJ Cranford offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to revoke Ordinance No. 460-22-(0) regarding the local Hospital Enhanced Medicaid Reimbursement Program.

Ordinance No. 461-22-(1)

Whereas, The Lincoln Parish Police Jury adopted Ordinance No. 460-22-(0) to Participate in the Local Health Care Provider Participation Program on June 14, 2022; and

Whereas, Governor Jon Bel Edwards vetoed House Bill No. 717; and

Whereas, Adoption of House Bill No. 717 is necessary for the implementation of Ordinance No. 460-22-(0).

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained, that the Lincoln Parish Police Jury does repeal Ordinance No. 460-22-(0) to Participate in the Local Health Care Provider Participation Program which was adopted on June 14, 2022.

/s/ Doug Postel
Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Melton, and Mayfield

ABSENT: Russell, Henderson, and Straughter

Next on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution for preliminary approval of sewer revenue bonds. Mr. Henry Shuler, project engineer, was present to give details about the project and answer questions. He stated that this project was to consolidate the sewer districts into one plant. Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Logan Hunt, to adopt a resolution for preliminary approval of sewer revenue bonds not to exceed \$850,000.00.

RESOLUTION 22-27

A resolution declaring the intention of the LINCOLN PARISH POLICE JURY, State of Louisiana, to issue Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000) for the purpose of paying a portion of the cost of constructing and acquiring additions, extensions and improvements to a portion of the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal system of said PARISH; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**") now owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment and disposal system (the "**System**") as a revenue-producing work of public improvement; and

WHEREAS, The Parish has applied for a loan from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("**LDEQ**") Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program ("the **Loan Program**") to provide funding for repairs, rehabilitation, and improvements within a portion of the System known as the "Lincoln Parish Sewage Treatment Area No.1", including equipment and fixtures (the "**Project**"); and

WHEREAS, this Police Jury, as governing authority of the Parish (the "**Governing Authority**"), proposes that Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds will be issued by the Parish in the manner prescribed by and under the authority of the Consolidated Local Government Public Finance Act (La. R.S. 39:501 et seq.), and other constitutional and statutory authority, as amended (the "**Act**"), payable solely from the income and revenues of the user fees collected from customers of the System; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority now desires to give notice of intention pursuant to the Act to issue Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000) of Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds, in one or more series (the "**Bonds**") to finance improvements to the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Authority of the Parish, that:

Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds. Pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of the Act, and other constitutional and statutory authority, this Governing Authority does hereby declare its intention to issue the Bonds, in the name of the Parish, in one or more series, the proceeds of which will be used for: (i) the Project; and (ii) the costs related to the issuance of the Bonds.

All of the Bonds shall be limited and special revenue bonds of the Parish, secured by and payable in principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, solely from user fees collected from customers of the System (the "**User Fees**"). The Bonds shall not be a charge on the other income and revenues of the Parish as prohibited under the provisions of Article VI, Section 37 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, nor shall they constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the general credit of the Parish. The Bonds shall be of such series, bear such dates, mature at such time or times, not to exceed twenty-two (22) years from their date of issuance, bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding 0.95% per annum, with a percentage of the principal of the Bonds being forgiven and no interest accruing to such forgiven principal as set forth in the LDEQ commitment letter to the Parish originally dated May 7, 2021, as revised and superseded by revisions to such commitment dated June 3, 2022.

The Bonds will be sold at such price or prices, be in such denomination or denominations, be in fully registered form, carry such registration privileges, be payable in such medium of payment and at such place or places, be subject to such terms of redemption and be entitled to such priorities on User Fees as the Parish may provide by ordinance adopted at the time or times of issuance of the Bonds.

The Parish will, in such ordinance, enter into such covenants with the future owner or owners of the Bonds as to the management and operation of the System, the imposition and collection of rates and charges for the services rendered thereby, the disposition of such fees and revenues, the issuance of future bonds and the creation of future liens and encumbrances against the System and the revenues therefrom, the carrying of insurance on the System and the disposition of the proceeds of insurance, the keeping of books and records, and other pertinent matters as may be deemed proper by this Governing Authority to assure the marketability of the Bonds, consistent with the provisions of the Act and other applicable laws and regulations. Such resolution(s) will also include remedies in case of default, provision for the issuance of parity bonds, and such additional covenants, agreements and provisions as are judged advisable or necessary by the Parish for the security of the registered owners of the Bonds, including sinking funds and reserves for the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and an adequate depreciation fund for those repairs, extensions and improvements to the System as may be necessary to assure adequate and efficient service to the public, all as provided by the Act.

Sale of Bonds. The Bonds are expected to be sold at a private sale to the Program and may be issued and sold in installments as needed, all as provided for in the Act and other statutory authority.

Notice of Intention. This Governing Authority is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to publish an appropriate notice of the intention of the Parish to issue the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this resolution and the Act. Such notice of intention shall be published in four (4) consecutive weekly issues of the official journal of the Parish as required by the Act, and shall be in substantially in the following form, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** with any such changes as may be necessary upon the advice of bond counsel.

State Bond Commission. Application is hereby made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for approval of not to exceed \$850,000 of Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds of the Parish, to mature on or before Twenty-two (22) years from the date thereof and to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 0.95% per centum per annum, as described above. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the "**Commission**") together with a request for prompt consideration and approval of this application.

By virtue of the Parish's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that the Parish understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns, to full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the State Bond Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

It is understood by this Governing Authority that any approval given by the Commission does not constitute a recommendation, approval or sanction by the Commission or the State of Louisiana of the investment quality of the credit represented by the application. Further, approval does not constitute any guaranty of repayment of the debt by the Commission or the State of Louisiana. The approval application by the Commission should not be relied upon as advice by any current or potential holders or purchasers of the Bonds. Nor shall the Commission or the State of Louisiana have any liability or legal responsibility to third party purchasers or investors arising out of, related to, or connected with the approval.

Employment of Bond Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Boles Shafto, LLC, of Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby employed as Bond Counsel to the Commission to do and perform comprehensive legal and co-ordinate professional work of a traditional legal nature with respect to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this governing authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, shall counsel and advise this governing authority as to the issuance and sale thereof, and shall furnish their opinion covering the legality of the issuance thereof.

The fee of Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is hereby fixed at a sum not to exceed the fees provided by the Attorney General's Guidelines for Fees and Services of Bond Attorneys for comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work in the issuance of revenue bonds, said fee to be payable solely out of funds derived from the sale of the Bonds and to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery thereof. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated.

Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the issuance of the Bonds and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by this Governing Authority.

Other Professionals. Should it be necessary to engage other professionals, the President of the Governing Authority shall be entitled to engage such professionals provided the contracts employing such professionals shall be promptly submitted to the Parish.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Melton, and Mayfield

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Russell, Henderson, and Straughter

ABSTAINING: None

This resolution was declared adopted on this, the 12th day of July, 2022.

/s/ Doug Postel
Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

/s/ Richard I. Durrett
Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President

Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Theresa Wyatt, to engage Boles Shafto for legal services relating to bond issues. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Melton, and Mayfield

ABSENT: Russell, Henderson, and Straughter

Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Sharyon Mayfield, to award Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Contract for the current HVAC Grant project to Wetlands Unlimited, LLC. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Melton, and Mayfield

ABSENT: Russell, Henderson, and Straughter

Theresa Wyatt offered a motion, seconded by Logan Hunt, to have Parish Administrator, Doug Postel, vote on the Jury’s behalf at NACo. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Wyatt, Hunter, Durrett, Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Pullin, Melton, and Mayfield

ABSENT: Russell, Henderson, and Straughter

The next item on the agenda was to discuss and take action on ambulance services. Doug Postel stated that the Ambulance Committee recommends awarding a one-year contract to the City of Ruston in the amount of \$645,604.00. Logan Hunt offered a motion, seconded by Matt Pullin, to accept the recommendation of the Committee and enter into a one-year contract with the City of Ruston.

After discussion, Mr. Postel stated that he would ask the jury to remember that this quote is for both ambulance and rescue services. He stated that Ruston Fire currently provides both of those services for the parish and that moving forward both of them still need to be considered in future requests for proposals. After further discussion, the motion failed with the following roll-call vote:

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
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| Wyatt | _____ | X | _____ | _____ |
| Hunter | _____ | X | _____ | _____ |

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| Durrett | | X | | |
| Cranford | X | | | |
| Hunt | X | | | |
| Scriber | | X | | |
| Pullin | X | | | |
| Russell | | | X | |
| Henderson | | | X | |
| Melton | | X | | |
| Mayfield | | X | | |
| Straughter | | | X | |

Treasurer Michael Sutton presented the budget report. The Jury then heard departmental reports. With no further business to come before the Jury, the meeting was adjourned.

Doug Postel
Parish Administrator

Richard I. Durrett
Police Jury President